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SUBJECT: LABOR PARTY CONFERENCE: RESOLUTION ON CHILE

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1. ANNUAL LABOR PARTY CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 30 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RESOLUTION WHICH STRONGLY CRITICIZED THE LABOR GOVERNMENT FOR RENEGOTIATING CHILE'S 124 MILLION POUND DEBT TO HMG AND CALLED ON GOVERNMENT TO REVOKE THIS AGREEMENT AND OPPOSE ANY FURTHER DEBT NEGOTIATION UNTIL FULL CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS ARE RESTORED IN CHILE. FULL TEXT OF RESOLUTION FOLLOWS: "THIS CONFERENCE IS APPALLED AT THE DECISION TO ALLOW THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT UNTIL 1983 TO REPAY 24 MILLION POUNDS OF ITS 124 MILLION DEBT TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS TANTAMOUNT TO A LARGE SCALE NEW LOAN AT THE VERY MODEST RATE OF 7-1/2 PERCENT. WE CALL ON THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (NEC) TO ENQUIRE INTO THIS DECISION OF THE MINISTERS AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, TO REFUSE TO CONDONE THIS ACTION, TO PRESS THE GOVERNMENT TO REVOKE THIS DECISION AND TO OPPOSE ANY FURTHER RENEGOTIATION OF THE REMAINING 99 MILLION POUND DEBT, UNTIL FULL CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS ARE RESTORED TO ALL CHILEAN CITIZENS."

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2. MOST FLOOR DEBATE ON RESOLUTION WAS BASED ON MISINFORMATION AND DESIGNED FOR MAXIMUM EMOTIONAL IMPACT. HOWEVER, TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS UNION (TGWU) LEADER JACK JONES, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM ABORTIVE ITF MISSION TO INVESTIGATE FUNCTIONING OF UNIONS IN CHILE (SEE REFTTEL), MADE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE AND GENERALLY REASONED STATEMENT URGING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION (TEXT FORWARDED BY POUCH). OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT MINISTER JUDITH HART, SPEAKING FOR NEC, POINTED OUT LABOR GOVERNMENT HAD INCREASED PRESSURE ON CHILEAN JUNTA BY: REFUSING FURTHER ARMS SALES; CUTTING OFF ECONOMIC AID; ACCEPTING CHILEAN REFUGEES; AND SUPPORTING HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION AT UNGA. REGARDING FUTURE, SHE PROMISED NEC "WILL MAKE THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT, AND REPORTED THAT SRA. ALLENDE HAS BEEN INVITED TO VISIT UK AGAIN NEXT SPRING. (TEXT OF HER STATEMENT ALSO POUCHED.)

3. IN WHAT WAS PROBABLY MOST SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT ON CHILE, FOREIGN SECRETARY JAMES CALLAGHAN, WHO SERVED AS CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN, TOLD DELEGATES THAT LATIN AMERICA MUST UNDERSTAND THAT BRITISH LABOR MOVEMENT WILL PURSUE MATTER OF DEMOCRACY IN CHILE TENACIOUSLY, AND THAT MISSIONS SUCH AS THAT OF TGWU LEADER JONES WILL HAVE "TREMENDOUS EFFECT ON CHILE."

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS ARE NOT BINDING ON LABOR GOVERNMENT, STRENGTH OF FEELING ON THIS ISSUE AMONG BOTH LEFT-WINGERS AND MODERATES DRASTICALLY REDUCES PRIME MINISTER WILSON'S FLEXIBILITY. WE DO NOT BELIEVE HE WILL RISK CONFRONTATION WITH NEC OR PARTY ON CHILE, AS HE WILL REQUIRE MAXIMUM SUPPORT ON OTHER, MORE VITAL, ISSUES. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT HMG WILL AGREE TO FURTHER RESCHEDULING OF CHILEAN DEBT TO UK, THOUGH EXISTING AGREEMENT WILL PROBABLY NOT BE REVOKED AS RECOMMENDED IN RESOLUTION. WE ALSO ANTICIPATE LEFT-WING WILL USE SRA. ALLENDE VISIT AND ALL OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO KEEP CHILE ISSUE ALIVE AND IN FOREFRONT.

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